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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECJR

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1. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE EXCELLENT DRAFT SPEECH FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE CONTAINED REFTEL. BELIEVE THAT TONE AND THRUST OF MESSAGE ARE JUST ABOUT RIGHT.

2. SEEN FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I BELIEVE THAT SOMEWHAT GREATER EMPHASIS COULD BE ACCORDED OUR DETERMINATION TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST TRENDS AND OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE BROAD AND RECEPTIVE MARKET FOR FOREIGN, INCLUDING ASIAN, GOODS IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF U.S. INVESTMENT AS AN ENGINE OF GROWTH, AS A CATALYST FOR U.S. EXPORTS, AND AS AN AVENUE FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF EAST ASIA SHOULD BE MORE PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHTED. IN THIS REGARD, I FEEL THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT GO BEYOND MENTIONING THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE AND THE POLICIES WE SHOULD ADOPT TO ASSIST THESE COUNTRIES IN ATTRACTING ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT, TO SUGGESTING THAT THESE

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COUNTRIES CAN DO MUCH TO MAKE THEMSELVES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS.

4. WITH REGARD TO PARA 69, SUGGEST THAT TAIWAN BE DELETED AS "COUNTRY" PRESENTING AN EXAMPLE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THAT SINGAPORE BE INSERTED IN 7 PCT GROWTH CATEGORY ALONG WITH INDONESIA. REGARDING PARA 59, WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT

CANADA BE INCLUDED IN THE REFERENCE TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. CANADA HAS ALSO HAD TALKS WITH ASEAN AND, LIKE THE U.S., CONSIDERS ITSELF A PACIFIC POWER. ALTHOUGH ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE REGION HAS BEEN MARGINAL, IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DO MORE.

5. I BELIEVE THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH WILL SILENCE ONCE AND FOR ALL ANY DOUBTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD REGARDING OUR INTENTIONS OR OUR CAPACITY TO PROTECT OUR OWN AND FRIENDLY INTERESTS. HOLDRIDGE

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